

Greene
Göttingen, Sept. 1869.

My dear Dr. Schlegel!

I am rather ashamed, that my correspondence for a long time has nearly ceased, but the fact is, that during and since the unhappy German war I was often low-spirited and do not like to complain. During the long peace-period Germany has constantly advanced, not only in its material resources, but to such a political freedom than I know in my younger years. All this is now to end in a military rule, where no utterance of independent opinions is supposed to be printed, in a threefold division of Germany perhaps never to be reunited again, and all this by disregard of the first principles of the character of our nation, those of justice and fidelity, and by the open or clandestine union with foreign powers, the natural foe of our protestantism. Since the termination of the war an unequalled increase of the number of soldiers has taken place in the newly organized

Dr. Schlegel,

The publisher seems to have acted shabbily.

It was only at the beginning of this year, when by my correspondents I was informed that the book was circulating in the German-trade, and having received your note of Dec. 21. I immediately requested, that the copies were to be sent to America, which, I trust, he will have done. There was still an other impediment to fulfilling Mr. Wright's desire of having copies in Cuba. For the Cuban gentleman, who had promised to take care of the sale there, did equally not answer to several letters I had addressed to him. Thus I was obliged to break up all intercourse with him and have now given instruction to my. Dupire published (Mr. Eschmann) to get a commission in Cuba on his own account.

I have now finished examining the list of Fendler's Venezuela plants, which you communicated last year, having determined the genera and identified such species as I already possessed. If the list would be of any use for you, I might copy it and send it if required. Please do, I want it.

With my best wishes yours as ever affectionately
J. F. Schlegel

also new to me,

I do not know whether I mentioned that Margaria (cat. vol. p. 134) from Mexican specimens lately received by Margaria (cat. vol. p. 134) by Kuhn is not this genus: I left it to Mr. Wright to name it and in Sept. he sent me his name, viz. Margaria (Spain), which I try to substitute for mine. Do you know the name?

provinces of Prussia has been plain, and
the prospects of the future are more than equal.
Our university, to which I have been attached
for thirty years, was a wonderful place of
tranquillity and of the most exquisite care
of the Prussian government, now it is
a provincial establishment submitted to a
centralizing power: the first result to us
has been dissolution of its members, the
idea of going away, just now as lately
the German universities will be in the same
situation as the French provincial establishments.

During the summer we had suffered much
from heavy garrisons in our small town,
but having spent the autumn in a wild climate
and returned from all personal impressions
of the time, I returned in fresh spirits
of stoicism, and, giving up all other reflections,
I seek and find consolation in busy
botanic labour, having begun a general work
of general geography of plants, which will
be an occupation of years, though prepared
from a great length of time. My chief
aim is to show by the exposition of the
partures of the different Floras the adaptation

Glad you are at so important a work -
but fear it will take you all too much time
- history of Trop America.

of plants to climate.

You are aware, that such studies are an
impediment or an interruption rather to my
wondered systematic labours, though I often felt
much within myself in my collections and have
constantly in view to increase them. Thus all
contributions are welcome, and I beg to thank
Mr. Wright in my name for the small plants
contained in his letter of Oct. 24. When receiving
specimens I regard it now as a convenient occa-
sion for certain hours, if I feel exhausted
from reading too many ^{volumes} of the immense
literature of travel - books, often without
much gratification.

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I hope that now at last you will be in
possession of the copies of the Catalogue which
You are aware, that in the month of May
last I sent the whole edition to Leipzig,
and since that time I have in my possession
only a single copy, my Leipzig publisher not
having answered to any of my letters, even when
requiring a few copies for my own use and for
my friends. I had no news from him but
once, when at the outbreak of the war he
stated, that he could not care of the Catalogue
but when tranquillity in the Trade was restored.